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25X1A 4. (Secret - GLC) Hand-carried to George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, copy #3 of the corrected transcript of the Director's briefing of the Joint Committee on 16 February 1972. Murphy renewed his request for any information that we could give him on the [] case as well as any comment we could give him on the story which appeared in the New York Times on the 12th of March alleging a "revolutionary potential" among the native Taiwanese. I assured Murphy that I was checking on these and would be in touch with him later.

25X1A 5. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Miss Helen Mattas, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and reviewed the portion of the transcript of the statement of Maurice J. Williams, Deputy Administrator, AID, of 21 March relating to questions concerning the GAO report referenced in the New York Times of Sunday, 19 March. Mr. Williams repeated the agreed statement verbatim with the exception that he corrected the figure 250,000 Lao refugees giving the correct figure 280,000. The tone of his response was unequivocal and to the point that USAID is not providing support for Lao military/paramilitary forces and dependents. Miss Mattas also gave me a copy of the prepared statement read into the record by Mr. Williams. [] FE Division, has been advised.

6. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Acting Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and delivered to him the Director's letter to the Chairman forwarding certain information on the Soviet navy for inclusion in the Committee records. This closes out for the moment the various actions that resulted from the letter of 7 March from Representative Aspin (D., Wis.) to the Director.

In response to his earlier request I gave Mr. Slatinshek a blind memorandum dated 23 March for his use concerning the GAO report of USAID assistance to Lao military and paramilitary forces and dependents. We were joined by Mr. Maury at which time Mr. Slatinshek briefed us on two GAO actions of interest to the Agency. See Memorandum for Record.

He told us also that he has scheduled a current intelligence briefing by DIA for the Intelligence Subcommittee on Wednesday afternoon, 29 March, at 4:00 p.m. He will request a briefing by the Agency on selected current items some time after the recess and will work out the details with us after the AID appearance next week. He requested that in general the briefing be conducted by individuals at the working levels to avoid formality and to assist the members in developing a better feel for intelligence concepts and capabilities.

I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on the Wu-Chai launch facility and the Soviet Mod 3 SS-11 status.

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25X1A 7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Talked to Miss Dora McCracken, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who checked the prepared statement used by USAID Deputy Director Maurice J. Williams in testimony before the full Committee yesterday. The statement prepared for Mr. Williams' use to rebut the New York Times report of Senator Kennedy's (D., Mass.) charges was not contained therein. The transcript of the hearing is not available and will not be available for some time due to a backlog of reporting. [redacted] FE Division, has been advised.

8. (Confidential - JMM) Last night Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say that Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Charles Meyer, had information that Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.) felt he was in a "difficult position" as a result of the revelations regarding ITT, CIA, and Chile, and was considering taking up the subject in open hearings of his Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Abshire said if this happened he was afraid the Department "couldn't be much help." I said I was afraid we couldn't be much help either since we didn't appear in open hearings and, moreover, even if we did, the first questions would concern who made the policy decisions. I told Abshire that I'd take the matter up with the Director and let him know the results.

9. (Unclassified - JMM) During the above conversation, Mr. Abshire said that Senator Henry Bellmon (R., Okla.) wondered if the Director would be willing to talk to a small breakfast group of a half dozen Senators. I told Abshire I would raise the matter with the Director but we might also consider inviting them out to Headquarters for breakfast.

10. (Internal Use Only - JMM) This afternoon Mr. Abshire called to say that when Secretary Rogers appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee today, Senator Church had referred to information he claimed he had from CIA that the Chinese Communists were much put out over the alleged unseemingly conduct of Ambassador Watson. After checking throughout the Agency and conferring with the Director, I called Abshire to assure him that the Agency had no such information and certainly no responsible Agency officer made such an allegation. I urged Abshire to relay this to appropriate members of the Committee.

I also told Abshire that I informed the Director of the possibility that Representative Fascell would conduct hearings on the Chile affair but we plan to take no immediate action until we saw how things developed.

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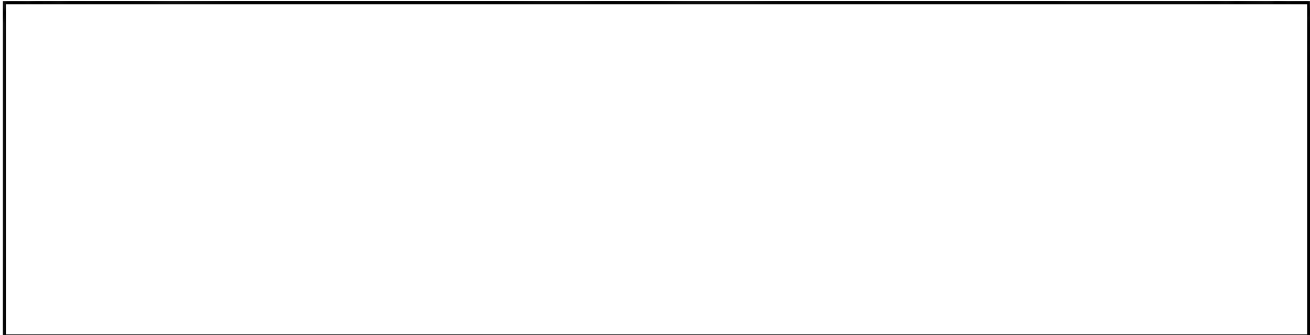
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7. (Confidential - LLM) In follow up to his earlier inquiry to Mr. Maury, advised Mr. Richard Helgerson, USIA, that there were about 120 USSR and Bloc media representatives in Western Europe, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, and made it clear that this figure did not include press or cultural attaches or indigenous employees in the media. Mr. Helgerson explained that this information was being gathered for public use in hearings before their committees on appropriation authorization legislation.

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[redacted] SB Division, had pulled together this information at our request. Also contacted were [redacted]

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25X1A 13. (Unclassified - LLM) Libby Reynolds, in the office of Representative Jack Kemp (R., N. Y.), called to say that Mr. Kemp was very interested in visiting the Agency for a breakfast-briefing with a half dozen of his colleagues and suggested that we recommend about four dates, preferably on Tuesday through Thursday, to see what could be worked out.

14. (Confidential - LLM) Based upon information provided by [redacted] FE Division, spoke with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, in response to his earlier call and gave him a short critique on D. E. Ronk's article in today's Post, "U. S. Seen Violating Ban in Laos."

25X1A 15. (Secret - LLM) [redacted] Office of Personnel, alerted us that Senator Philip Hart's (D., Mich.) Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation Subcommittee, Senate Judiciary Committee, had requested from Mutual of Omaha detailed information on their three largest group hospitalization plans, which would include Government Employees' Health Association. It was agreed that we would get a copy of the Subcommittee's request from Mutual, and that if it was determined that the information requested posed a security problem, we would ask the Subcommittee staff to exempt our program from their inquiry. Mr. Warner was advised.

16. (Confidential - JMM) Received a call from Mr. Helgerson, USIA, who wanted unclassified data on the number of Communist Bloc information officers operating in Western Europe. SB Division is checking.

17. (Confidential - JMM) Mr. Lawrence Eagleburger, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense ISA, called to say Representative John Ashbrook is suing the Defense Department and Eagleburger personally, under the Freedom of Information Act to force publication of the Penkovskiy material. OGC is following up.

18. (Confidential - JMM) [redacted] called to say he had 25X1A draft of the testimony he plans to give the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 28 March and would be happy if we would look at it. We will pick it up and review it.

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16. (Unclassified - PLC) Mr. Hadlock, Library of Congress, called concerning a letter to a congressman from a constituent requesting the testimony of Lyman Kirkpatrick in 1961 before the Internal Security Committee. Mr. Hadlock stated that he had checked the House Committee on Un-American Activities with negative results. I suggested that he check the records of the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary since Mr. Kirkpatrick may have testified before that Committee. Mr. Hadlock called back shortly thereafter and advised that he had located the testimony which was titled "A Communist Plot Against the Free World Police" given June 13, 1961, by Mr. Kirkpatrick before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.

17. (Unclassified - JAL) Pat, in the office of Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D., N. J.), called asking us to set up an interview for a constituent. I called the Office of Personnel and set up an interview with [redacted] for Monday, 20 March, at 3:30.

18. (Unclassified - RJK) Delivered to the offices of Representatives Shirley Chisholm (D., N. Y.), Lester Wolff (D., N. Y.), John Murphy (D., N. Y.), Morgan Murphy (D., Ill.), Gerald Ford (R., Mich.), and Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) [redacted]

19. (Unclassified - RJK) Delivered China Atlases to Nancy Granese, in the office of Representative Donald Fraser (D., Minn.) and Mrs. Ong, in the office of Representative Glenn Anderson (D., Calif.).

20. (Unclassified - SMG) Ray Barnes, in the office of Representative John McFall (D., Calif.), called to set up an interview for a constituent, [redacted]. After checking with [redacted] I told him that an appointment has been scheduled for 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

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9. (Unclassified - PLC) The Special Subcommittee on Intelligence of the House Armed Services Committee, chaired by Representative Nedzi, continued its hearings on H. R. 9853 concerning the classification and protection of information. The witness was Ralph Erickson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice. Mr. Erickson traced the legal basis for the authority of the Executive to classify. He maintained the position that this is a matter for the Executive rather than the Legislature. He hoped that the new Executive Order would resolve most of the problems presently faced. He considered the role of Congress to be one of exercising oversight and urging that the Congress monitor carefully the implementation of the new Order. He related the position of the Justice Department that H. R. 9853 was unnecessary and duplicative of the efforts to be taken in the areas of classification and release of information. Mr. Erickson acknowledged the discrepancy within the existing criminal laws to protect against unauthorized disclosures and stated that specific proposals are under consideration by the Administration and should be submitted to the Congress in the near future. Mr. Buzhardt, General Counsel, Department of Defense, will continue testimony tomorrow on those actions within DOD to implement the new Executive Order.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, the plans for the Director's appearance before the Agency Subcommittee to discuss our budget. I explained we would much prefer Thursday to Wednesday. Braswell later called back to say that they would not schedule the meeting before Thursday.

11. (Confidential - JMM) Called Miss Ward, in the office of Senator John Stennis, to make an appointment for General Walters to pay a courtesy call on the Senator. She said she would see what she could do.

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6. (Secret - GLC) [] in the Office of Personnel, called about an inquiry which had been directed to the Pentagon by Representative John S. Monagan (D., Conn.) concerning the Downey case. [] and I agreed that if Defense can answer Monagan's inquiry without involving the Agency and without making a statement which is untrue it would be best for the reply to come from them. However, we agreed that if there should be any difficulty about this, this office would get in touch with Monagan and advise him of Agency interest in the case. 25X1A

7. (Unclassified - LLM) Delivered a copy of the China Atlas to Dorothy Scott, in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

8. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Met with David Dittman, in the office of Senator Ted Stevens (R., Alaska), concerning their inquiry on behalf of a former applicant, [] and left with him a copy of a letter from [] arranging for an interview in the field. Mr. Dittman said that nothing further need be done. 25X1A

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5. (Confidential - GLC) Made arrangements with Ed Braswell and Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to borrow a copy of the testimony of Nutter, Sullivan, Brazier, and Siegnious before the Committee last Tuesday, 7 March, on the Southeast Asia free world forces provision of the Military Procurement Act. They understand we will make a copy of this transcript for the Director's review, but the fact that we have made copies of this transcript should not be disclosed outside of the Agency. We will return the Committee copy tomorrow.

6. (Confidential - JMM) Called Representative Les Aspin in response to his letter to the Director requesting a briefing on Soviet naval matters. See Memo for Record.

7. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed above with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who appreciated our problem and reiterated that the briefing should be coordinated with the Committee.

8. (Unclassified - PLC) The Special Subcommittee on Intelligence of the House Armed Services Committee, chaired by Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.), continued their hearings on H.R. 9853 concerning the classification and protection of information vital to the national security. Witnesses were Mr. Joseph Liebling, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Security Policy), and Mr. Fred Buzhardt, General Counsel, Department of Defense. Mr. Liebling provided a statement on those actions taken by the DOD to better their security program and to project future actions to meet the objectives of the new Executive Order on classification and declassification which was issued yesterday. The Subcommittee continued their detailed questioning of Mr. Buzhardt concerning Department of Defense security policy and other matters in his statement. Mr. William Blair, Assistant Secretary of State, is scheduled to testify tomorrow. Mr. Ralph E. Erickson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, is scheduled to testify on Monday, 13 March. He will undoubtedly be questioned in detail on the new Executive Order since the Department of Justice is responsible for interpreting the Order.

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9. (Unclassified - JAL) Received a call from Carol Chance, in the office of Representative Donald Fraser (D., Minn.), asking for a copy of the China Atlas. I told her someone from our office would drop it by in a few days.

10. (Unclassified - PLC) Left with Mr. Steeper, in the office of Senator Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), a suggested reply to a letter from a constituent. The letter expressed concern to reports that the Agency was directing and financing the growing of marijuana in Saigon.

11. (Unclassified - LLM) Miss Dorothea Scott, Administrative Secretary to Francis R. Valeo, Secretary of the Senate, called and asked for a copy of the China Atlas for the Secretary, and I said we would drop one by.

12. (Unclassified - LLM) Robert Horner, Chief Investigator, House Internal Security Committee, called and asked if we would have any material which Chairman Ichord could use in a speech he will be delivering on the World Assembly for Peace and Independence of the People of Indochina which met in Versailles, France, February 11 through 13. [REDACTED]

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STATINTL 22. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Talked to Mr. Bun Bray, Associate Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Administration bill for Federal Executive Service, H. R. 3807, will be reported out after hearings by the Subcommittee. The Administration is putting quite a bit of emphasis on passage of the bill. A meeting with Mr. Bray to brief him on Agency consideration relating to the bill is tentatively scheduled for 13 or 14 March. Mr. John Warner, OGC, and [redacted] D/Pers, have been advised.

23. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Lisa Gerard, in the Office of Management and Budget, called to ask if Chairman Nedzi had requested our testimony on H. R. 9853, the Hebert/Arends bill establishing a Security Commission, explaining that Mr. Buzhardt, Department of Defense, is scheduled to testify on 8 and 9 March, State on the 10th, and Justice on the 13th. She said the word around OMB is that the revised Executive order on classification will be issued either today or tomorrow.

I reminded Miss Gerard that the Armed Services Committee was our oversight committee and explained their interest in testimony from the Director on the unique problems in the intelligence field, but that this runs against the long-standing policy that the Director not testify for the public record. I said one development might be an informal meeting with the Committee to brief them on the areas in which they are interested. I told her that until this is sorted out, it did not look like we would be taking a position on the bill, but that if the bill is going to move, we would most likely have to ask for some protection. She asked that we keep in touch as matters develop and I said we would.

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STATINTL 24. (Unclassified - SMG) Lee Paden, in the office of Senator Henry Bellmon (R., Okla.), called to set up an employment interview for [redacted] After checking with [redacted] I told him that an appointment has been scheduled for 2:00 this afternoon. STATINTL

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25X1A 16. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Talked to Mr. John Garrity, House Appropriations Committee staff, and asked him if he had any further information concerning [redacted] who had been recommended for employment by Representative Jamie Whitten (D., Miss.). Mr. Garrity told me he would again check with Mr. Robert Foster, of the Committee staff, who is handling the case for Representative Whitten and be back in touch.

25X1A 17. (Internal Use Only - JGO) In response to his call I met with Mr. George Norris, House Armed Services Committee staff, and received from him an application for employment for [redacted] who was interviewed by WARO during her recent visit to Washington from Germany. 25X1A

STATSPEC 18. (Unclassified - JGO) Met with Mrs. Barbara Raver, Administrative Assistant to Representative George A. Goodling (R., Pa.), and gave her a copy [redacted] for use for a constituent.

19. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered to Miss Ann Gordon, in the office of Representative Earl F. Landgrebe (R., Ind.), a copy of the "People's Republic of China" atlas.

25X1C 20. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Miss Fran Christy, House Judiciary Committee staff, who told me that H. R. 2076, a bill for the relief [redacted] was passed over today on the private calendar. She indicated the only possible explanation at the moment would be that one of the "unofficial objectors," Representative H. R. Gross (R., Iowa), or some other might have objected to several of the bills on the private calendar. She will have Mr. Cline, Counsel for the Committee, check the matter and take care of whatever the problem is before the next calling of the private calendar on 21 March. 25X1A [redacted] WH Division, has been advised.

21. (Unclassified - JGO) The Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee will begin hearings tomorrow in open session on the classification and handling of information involving the national security and H. R. 9853. Mr. J. Fred Buzhardt, Department of Defense, will be the witness on 8 and 9 March, and a representative from the Department of State on 10 March. Mr. Ralph Erickson, Office of Assistant Attorney - Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, is scheduled to appear on Monday, 13 March.

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8. (Confidential - GLC) Colonel Freed, of DOD, called to say that Defense had run into problems in connection with the paper which they had prepared on "Strategic Alternatives in Future Chinese Military Planning" in response to Senator Proxmire's (D., Wis.) request for such a contribution to be included in the Joint Economic Committee's upcoming study on China. Freed said that their security review people had referred this to interested offices for clearance and indicated that the State Department, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and ISA have all informally nonconcurred in having this study submitted to the Committee at this point in time in view of the current status of relationships between the U.S. and Communist China. Freed asked if we had run into any similar problems in the preparation of our materials. I told him that I thought all of the studies we had prepared were rather noncontroversial in comparison to the one prepared by DOD and I indicated that to the best of my knowledge all of our papers had been submitted to the Library of Congress. Freed merely wanted to check to see if the Agency had a similar problem so that we could join forces in resolving it. (I have advised [redacted] of the DDI's office, of this conversation.) 25X1A

9. (Confidential - JMM) Called Representative Louis C. Wyman (R., N.H.) and told him of my New Hampshire trip regarding [redacted] He seemed quite satisfied. 25X1A

10. (Confidential - JMM) Introduced Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who gave a lively talk to the Agency's Advanced Intelligence Seminar on our relations with Congress. Blandford noted that the Agency was coming in for more and more critical scrutiny, primarily as a result of such questions as our involvement in Laos. He complimented the Agency on its reputation for candor and leveling with the Committee, and gave us assurances that if this policy continued we could count on Committee support. He noted current concern in the Committee about overclassification and deplored the irresponsible tendency of all Executive agencies to overclassify everything, which he said created far more security problems than it solved.

11. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, on recent developments regarding Soviet strategic missiles, both land-based and submarine based, new type Soviet aircraft, TU-16s in Egypt, and ChiCom missile facilities.

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12. (Confidential - JMM) Left at the office of Representative Robert L. F. Sikes [redacted] in which Sikes had previously expressed interest.

13. (Confidential - JMM) Left a copy of the China atlas at the office of Representative J. Kenneth Robinson.

14. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding today's appearance of G. Warren Nutter and Maj. Gen. George Seignious, both of ISA, and Don Brazier, DOD Comptroller, and William H. Sullivan, of State Department on the Defense Procurement Authorization bill. See Memo for Record.

25X1A 15. (Confidential - JMM) David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say they were deeply concerned over the possibility that the Secretary would be asked, during his appearance tomorrow before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, about studies concerning RFE and Radio Liberty, and the cost of their termination, which the Committee had requested. I told Abshire that I understood that all concerned had agreed Chairman Fulbright should be provided a copy of the latest study on the termination costs, but I was not familiar with the contents of various other studies concerning the Radios and thought this would have to be discussed between [redacted] of the Agency, and Mr. Baker, of State, who were already in touch in this regard. Abshire suggested that if queried about additional studies the Secretary should refer Fulbright to the Agency. I said I thought we would object to this, since we had washed our hands of the Radios and I thought any contact with the Committee in this regard should be through the Department and Office of Management and Budget. I said I would ask [redacted] to call Mr. Baker immediately, which I did.

25X1A [redacted] called me after having talked to Mr. Baker and said he and Baker had agreed that, if pressed by Fulbright for additional studies other than the one on termination costs, the Secretary should simply say that he would have to take this up with the Agency. [redacted] said 25X1A Mr. Baker apparently had not been successful in selling this solution to Mr. Abshire.

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4. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Mr. Robert Hull, Department of State, called to report that the Office of Management and Budget had agreed with Treasury on the definition of "unfunded liability" with respect to financing retirement systems and that only "past" unfunded liability would be subject to the graduated interest payments by Treasury. OMB has asked State to come up with a proposal for funding the portion of "normal costs" not covered by present employer/employee contributions. Hull said that he understands that OMB intends to apply the same criteria to the CIA system. One solution proposed by OMB would be merger of the Foreign Service retirement system with the Civil Service retirement system. In response to my request, Hull said he would send me a copy of the paper he is pulling together on this general subject and it was agreed that somewhere down the line, when more of the facts are sorted out, it might be well for the managers of our respective retirement systems to get together to determine what joint action might be in our mutual interest. (See Memorandum for the Record of 27 January 1972.)



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6. (Confidential - GLC) Jack Norpel, on the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to advise us that Arthur Waskow, of the Institute for Policy Studies, is doing a project on prison conditions. According to Norpel one of his contacts is Walter Lee Parman, the convicted slayer of a Washington girl. Parman reportedly is in correspondence with Waskow and has written much to him about CIA. Norpel has a copy of some of this material and said he would pass it on to us if we wanted it. I told Norpel that I would advise our people of this and be back in touch with him if we were interested in getting a copy. I advised Mr. Houston who thought it best that we not accept Norpel's offer since there has been no Agency involvement in this case.

7. (Confidential - GLC) Richard Kimmel, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, called to say that the transcript of the Director's briefing of 16 February was ready for us to pick up and correct. I told him I would be by for it on Monday.

8. (Unclassified - GLC) I learned that the following persons will appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, 7 March, to discuss the provisions of the Armed Services procurement authorization bill having to do with Laos: Mr. G. Warren Nutter, Major General George M. Seignious (both of ISA), Mr. Donald R. Brazier (DOD Comptroller), and Mr. William H. Sullivan (State Department). Mr. Colby has been advised and he in turn has advised the Director.

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